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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/986651 First Named Applicant: SHINASUKE YAMAGUCHI
Examiner: S. E. Jones Art Unit: 3713 Status of Application: final

Tentative Participants:

(1) Wei-Chen Nicholas Chen

(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: any time Proposed Time: any time AM/PM

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☒ YES ☐ NOIf yes, provide brief description: proposed claim amendment

Issues To Be Discussed

| Issues (Rej., Obj., etc) | Claims/ Fig. #s | Prior Art | Discussed | Agreed | Not Agreed |
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☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Whether the attached proposed amendment would overcome the 6102 rejectionAn interview was conducted on the above-identified application on 5-4-04

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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :
Shinsuke YAMAGUCHI :
Serial No.: 09/986,651 : Group Art Unit: 3713
Filed: November 09, 2001 : Examiner: S. E. Jones
For: GAMING MACHINE WITH IMPROVED USER CONTROL (AS AMENDED)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Sir:

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of a telephone discussion with Applicant's representative on April 20, 2004, in which the Examiner indicated that a telephone interview would be granted, and requested Applicant's representative to submit proposed claim amendment for discussion.

Please consider the following proposed claim amendment for interview purpose only.

Applicant's representative, Wei-Chen Nicholas Chen, can be reached at 202-756-8048

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FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSE ONLY**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title of the application from "GAMING MACHINE WITH IMPROVED USER CONTROL" to "PLAY MEDIA SHOOTING MACHINE WITH IMPROVED STOP CONTROL."

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A game machine provided with a casing and a play field having a winning region into which a play medium can enter to achieve a win, comprising:
- storage means for storing the number of available play media for shooting into said play field;
- start detection means for detecting an input from a user to start shooting of the play media into said play field;
- shooting control means for initiating shooting the play media into said play field in response to said start detection means detecting the input from the user to start shooting the play media, and controlling to stop shooting the play media in response to all the available play media having been shot; and
- stop detection means for detecting an input from the user to temporarily stop shooting the play media;
- wherein said shooting control means controls to pause ~~stop~~ shooting the play media in response to said stop detection means detecting the input from the user to temporarily stop shooting the play media before all the available play media are shot.
7. (Currently Amended) The game machine according to claim 1, further comprising:
- first input means for the user to enter the input to start shooting the play media; and

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second input means for the user to enter the input to temporarily stop shooting the play media;

wherein said first input means and said second input means are formed of a transparent electrode films.

Respectfully submitted,

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